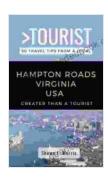
50 Travel Tips from Locals Greater Than Tourist Virginia

Virginia is a beautiful and historic state with something to offer everyone. From the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay, there's no shortage of things to see and do. But if you want to experience Virginia like a local, it's important to get off the beaten path and explore some of the hidden gems.



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That's where we come in. We're Greater Than Tourist Virginia, and we're here to share our favorite travel tips with you. We've asked locals from all

over the state to share their insider secrets, so you can experience Virginia like a true local.

Here are 50 travel tips from locals Greater Than Tourist Virginia:

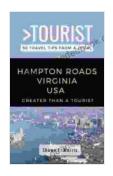
- Visit the Blue Ridge Parkway. This scenic parkway is a great way to experience the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Take your time driving along the parkway, and stop at some of the overlooks for breathtaking views.
- 2. **Go hiking in Shenandoah National Park.** Shenandoah National Park is home to some of the best hiking trails in the state. There are trails for all levels of hikers, so you can find the perfect trail for you.
- 3. **Explore the Skyline Drive.** The Skyline Drive is a 105-mile road that runs along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It's a great way to see the mountains from a different perspective.
- 4. **Visit Monticello.** Monticello was the home of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States. It's a beautiful and historic home, and it's definitely worth a visit.
- 5. Take a ferry ride across the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States. It's home to a variety of wildlife, including dolphins, whales, and sea turtles.
- 6. **Visit Colonial Williamsburg.** Colonial Williamsburg is a living history museum that recreates the colonial era in Virginia. It's a great way to learn about the history of Virginia and the United States.
- 7. **Go apple picking in the Shenandoah Valley.** The Shenandoah Valley is known for its apples. In the fall, you can visit one of the many apple orchards in the valley and pick your own apples.

- 8. Attend a wine tasting in Virginia wine country. Virginia is home to a number of wineries. You can visit a winery and sample some of the local wines.
- 9. **Go kayaking or canoeing on the James River.** The James River is a beautiful river that flows through the heart of Virginia. You can kayak or canoe on the river and enjoy the scenery.
- 10. **Visit the Virginia Beach Boardwalk.** The Virginia Beach Boardwalk is a three-mile boardwalk that stretches along the beach. It's a great place to walk, bike, or rollerblade.
- 11. **Go swimming in the Atlantic Ocean.** Virginia Beach is home to some of the best beaches in the country. You can swim, surf, or just relax on the beach.
- 12. **Visit the Norfolk Botanical Garden.** The Norfolk Botanical Garden is a beautiful garden with a variety of plants and flowers. It's a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.
- 13. Attend a performance at the Virginia Arts Festival. The Virginia Arts Festival is a month-long festival that features a variety of performances, including music, dance, and theater.
- 14. **Visit the Chrysler Museum of Art.** The Chrysler Museum of Art is home to a collection of European and American art. It's a great place to learn about art and see some beautiful works of art.
- 15. **Go shopping in Short Pump Town Center.** Short Pump Town Center is a large shopping mall with a variety of stores. You can find everything from clothes to electronics to home goods.

- 16. Visit the American Civil War Museum. The American Civil War Museum is a museum that tells the story of the American Civil War. It's a great place to learn about the history of the war and see some of the artifacts from the war.
- 17. Attend a NASCAR race at Richmond Raceway. Richmond Raceway is a race track that hosts NASCAR races. It's a great place to experience the excitement of NASCAR racing.
- 18. **Go fishing in the Chesapeake Bay.** The Chesapeake Bay is home to a variety of fish. You can go fishing from a boat or from the shore.
- 19. Visit the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center. The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is a great place to learn about marine life. It's home to a variety of animals, including dolphins, sharks, and sea turtles.
- 20. Attend a performance at the Virginia Opera. The Virginia Opera is a professional opera company that performs a variety of operas throughout the year.
- 21. **Visit the Virginia Museum of Transportation.** The Virginia Museum of Transportation is a museum that tells the story of transportation in Virginia. It's a great place to learn about the history of transportation and see some of the vehicles that have been used throughout history.
- 22. **Go camping in the George Washington National Forest.** The George Washington National Forest is a beautiful forest with a variety of campsites. You can camp in the forest and enjoy the peace and quiet of nature.
- 23. **Visit the Luray Caverns.** The Luray Caverns are a series of underground caves that are open to the public. You can take a tour of

the caves and see the beautiful stalactites and stalagmites.

- 24. **Go whitewater rafting on the Shenandoah River.** The Shenandoah River is a great river for whitewater rafting. You can go rafting with a commercial rafting company or you can rent a raft and go rafting on your own.
- 25. **Visit the Natural Bridge.** The Natural Bridge is a natural rock formation that is a popular tourist attraction. You can walk across the bridge and enjoy the views of the surrounding area.
- 26. **Go rock climbing at Smith Mountain Lake.** Smith Mountain Lake is a



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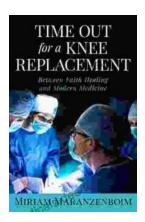
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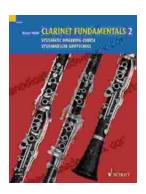
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